

**SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH
COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2018**

Slippery Rock Borough convened this date at the Slippery Rock Borough Building located at 306 East Water Street, Slippery Rock Borough, Butler County, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call the following public officials were present: Russ Karl, Gene Allison, Itzi Meztli, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas, Ron Steele and Tom McPherson. Also present were Mayor Longo and Borough Administrator, Lucinda G. Lipko.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Bob Goyak

No one took him up on his offer to look at the water problem on his property
Residents from Sassafras Dr. are still mowing Borough owned property

Mike Sullivan

Is in favor of a food truck as an experiment in the fall to give the business district a buzz

REPORTS:

Mayor Longo

Thanked visitors from the VFW and the American Legion for coming tonight
Passed out a general proposal to hang banners in town recognizing Veterans on Memorial Day, July 4th and Veteran's Day. They will do fund raising to pay for the banners.
Would like Council to consider so work on the project can start.

Tom McPherson

Bands on Bricks went well on August 17th
VillageFest will be August 22nd and vendor spaces are sold out

Ron Steele

Feels we should go down to 2 police cars as we don't really use the 3rd car now

Itzi Meztli

Supports the idea of banners recognizing Veteran's

Gene Allison

Painting crosswalks and repairs to storm sewers is ongoing

Pump on waterfall still not working so an expert is being call in to get it running

Metal doors covering electric vault on South Main Street are on back order

UPDATES:

President Karl reported we have only received one quote of paving for Library Drive so far, noted that an amendment to the bank note on the old FNB property was signed and mailed taking 4 years off the loan and the \$ 200,000.00 loan for South Main Street was paid off in July.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Council discussed the offer from Highmark to maintain healthcare from PPO Blue Highmark for another year at no increase. This will be voted on later in the agenda as it is time sensitive with a decision due by August 10th.

Council discussed the quotes received to remove 2 trees on a Borough right of way. This will be placed on the next agenda for action.

Council discussed the job description for the Code Officer position that was passed out. This will be placed on an agenda for further discussion.

Council discussed the report and recommendations prepared by Gateway Engineers to address the water problems in Poplar Forest. As this will be an expensive project, John Trant is going to be asked to search for low interest loans or grant money.

Council discussed replacing one police car in 2018 as the Charger is over 8 years old and the Taurus had a broken tie rod. Chief Fedokovitz will gather more information and report back to Council.

Council discussed the benefits of hiring full time police versus part time police. We could either hire one full time person or 3-part timers at 24 hours a week. The Chief feels full time is better as they are then our employee and must work when scheduled but if Council is going to hire part time first, he requests we get the advertisement in the paper soon. The Chief will make a list of the basic equipment they need for the next meeting.

Council discussed vendor trucks coming into the Borough of Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights and the issue of liability of allowing them to set up on Borough property. Councilmen Zeronas and Mayor Longo are going to gather more information and return to Council at a later date.

Council discussed purchasing a leaf machine, with no warranty, from the campground for \$ 24,000.00. The Borough Administrator noted that we must adhere to the bidding process. A majority of Council felt we should add to our Capital Budget for next year.

Council reviewed the bidding specifications and the ancillary list for the garbage contract. The Trash Committee requested that it be discussed again at the next Council meeting and make the motion to advertise at the Project Meeting if it is ready.

The Borough liaisons to the Park asked for direction of what it is that Council wants them to do. After discussion it was decided that the park will handle the programs and the Borough is responsible for the buildings/grounds and would like monthly reports of what is going on at the park.

Royce Lorentz was recently able to clarify the request from the Butler County 911 for street names and will be ready soon to have discussion.

The storage area requested by the park to be installed in the Recreation Building was discussed again and President Karl will contact John Nath to discuss what is needed.

Widening of the park entrance off North Main Street and placing fencing along the driveway was discussed. Council decided to wait on making a decision about the fencing until the paving is completed, once money is found to fund the paving project.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Royce Lorentz to approve renewing PPO Blue Premium health care coverage effective December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2019 with no increase. Seconded by Gene Allison, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Ron Steele to adjourn. Seconded by Itzi Meztli, motion carried.

Slippery Rock Borough Council adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Lucinda G. Lipko
Borough Administrator